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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6,8,9,16 and 82-92 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1,2,8,9 and 82-92 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 16 and 82-92 are pending in the application; claims 3-6 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species until a generic claim from which they depend is found allowable; claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 82-92 are the subject of the Office Action below.

Objection to the Abstract Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72

The objection to the abstract under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72 is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to the Specification.

Withdrawn Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cui *et al.*, *Science* 293:1289-1292 (2001), is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to the claims.

Withdrawn Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cui *et al.*, *Science* 293:1289-1292 (2001), in view of Bashir *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,716,620, issued April 6, 2004, is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to the claims.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cui *et al.*, *Science* 293:1289-1292 (2001), in view of Lim *et al.*, U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2003/0102510 A1, is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment to the claims.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 7, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cui in view of Bashir and/or Lim, as applied to claims 1 and 2 above, and further in view of Zhao *et al.*, 2001, *Nucleic Acids Research* 29(4):955-959 (2001), is withdrawn for the reasons argued by Applicants.

The rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cui *et al.*, *Science* 293:1289-1292 (2001), in view of Brand *et al.*, *Appl Microbiol Biotechnol* 36(2):167-72 (1991), is withdrawn for the reasons argue by Applicants.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 82-92, are objected to for the grammatical error “one of more functional group comprising” because the term “group” should be “groups.”

Conclusions

No claim is allowable, however, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 82-92 would be considered allowable by making the above-mentioned correction.

If Applicants should amendment the claims, a complete and responsive reply will clearly identify where support can be found in the disclosure for each amendment. Applicants should point to the page and line numbers of the application corresponding to each amendment, and provide any statements that might help to identify support for the claimed invention (*e.g.*, if the amendment is not supported *in ipsis verbis*, clarification on the record may be helpful). Should Applicants present new claims, Applicants should clearly identify where support can be found in the disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Jeff Lundgren whose telephone number is 571-272-5541. The Examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner’s supervisor, James Schultz, can be reached on 571-272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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